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SUBJECT: GDR THREATS AGAINST PLANNED CDU MEETING IN BERLIN

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1. FOLLOWING IS ACCOUNT PROVIDED BY FRENCH DEPUTY POLAD
LASSUS OF CONVERSATION ON ABOVE SUBJECT HELD WITH SOVIET
(EMBASSY) MINISTER KHOTULEV AND FIRST SECRETARY TYUTYUNOV AT
LUNCH ON JUNE 9:

2. QUOTE: KHOTULEV ATTACKED US ABOUT THE DEMONSTRATION PLANNED
FOR JUNE 17. I VERY QUICKLY INTERRUPTED HIM TO TELL HIM THAT
IF HE WANTED TO MAKE REMARKS TO US SUCH AS MITDANK HAD MADE
TO KUNZE (I.E. THE GDR WOULD CONSIDER ANY DEMONSTRATION "IN
BERLIN" AS A VIOLATION OF THE TRANSIT AGREEMENT), WE COULD NOT
ACCEPT THEM.

3. HE RETORTED THAT MITDANK HAD NEVER SAID THAT AND THAT WE WERE
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POORLY INFORMED OF THE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE GDR AND THE
SENAT. IT WAS EASY TO RETORT THAT THEY, THE SOVIETS, DID
NOT SEEM VERY WELL INFORMED THEMSELVES IN THIS CASE.

4. KHOTULEV - SECONDED AS ALWAYS BY TYUTYUNOV WHO WAS FIRM
BUT, FOR ONCE, NOT AGGRESSIVE - EXPLAINED TO US THAT A DEMONSTR-
ATION DIRECTED AGAINST THE GDR AND THE USSR TWO HUNDRED METERS FROM

THE WALL COULD ONLY BE REGARDED AS A VIOLATION OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT.

5. WE REMINDED THEM THAT THE GDR, THROUGH THE PERSON OF HERR KOHL IN BONN, HAD ALREADY NOTIFIED THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WHICH HAD MADE KNOWN ITS POSITION.

6. KHOTULEV SEEMED INFORMED ABOUT THIS DEMARCHE BUT FOR HIM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WEST BERLIN. IT WAS THEREFORE THE ALLIES WHO ARE INVOLVED.

7. IN RESPONSE, I SAID, TO BEGIN WITH, THAT THE FRG WAS INVOLVED SINCE THE DEMONSTRATORS CAME FROM THE FRG. WE THEN DEVELOPED THE IDEA, WELL KNOWN TO THE RUSSIANS, OF FREEDOM OF OPINION, OF SPEECH, AND OF ASSEMBLY AND THAT WE WERE NOT GOING TO PROHIBIT THE DEMONSTRATION AS THE RUSSIANS SEEMED TO BE ASKING US TO DO.

8. AFTER SEVERAL EXCHANGES OF COMMENTS OF THIS KIND, DURING THE COURSE OF WHICH I REMARKED THAT FOR ITS PART THE GDR DID NOT RESTRAIN ITSELF FROM EXPRESSING OPINIONS THAT WE COULD NOT ACCEPT -- TYUTYUNOV AGREED WITH THAT -- KHOTULEV SUDDENLY CLOSED THE SUBJECT BY SAYING APPROXIMATELY: OK, WE HAVE COMPLETED OUR MISSION. THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED; YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT WE SUPPORT THE GDR ENTIRELY.

9. THE SOVIETS DID NOT, STRICTLY SPEAKING, RESORT TO THREATS. ONCE AGAIN THEY WERE FIRM BUT MODERATE.

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10. I ASK MYSELF IF, IN GIVING US THEIR VIEW THAT THE DEMONSTRATION ITSELF WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A VIOLATION OF THE QA, AND DESPITE THEIR DENIAL OF MITDANK'S REMARKS, THEY DID NOT HAVE IN MIND AT LEAST PARTIALLY THE OBJECTIVE OF REMOVING THE ARGUMENT OF A VIOLATION OF THE TRANSIT AGREEMENT THAT WE THINK IS EASY TO COUNTER.

11. IN VIEW OF THIS EXCHANGE OF REMARKS, I DO NOT SEE THE UTILITY OF MAKING A PREVENTIVE DEMARCHE TO THE SOVIETS THAT THE BONN GROUP HAD ENVISAGED.

12. USBER COMMENT. LASSUS REPORTED THAT THE SOVIETS, IN ACCEPTING THE LUNCHEON INVITATION, HAD MADE IT KNOWN THAT THEY HAD TWO PIECES OF BUSINESS TO TAKE UP, THE JUNE 17 DEMONSTRATION, AND REICHSBAHN TARIFFS (SEPTEL FOLLOWS ON THAT SUBJECT). THEY THEREFORE HAVE MADE A PRE-EVENT PROTEST COMPARABLE TO WHAT THEY DID IN AUGUST 1976 WITH RESPECT TO THE STERNFAHRT. WHILE THE FRENCH RESPONSE MIGHT HAVE BEEN CLEARER, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE WESTERN VIEW THAT A VIOLATION

FO THE QA WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE EVENT THE GDR HOLDS UP
TRAVELERS -- THE SOVIETS CAN BE IN NO DOUBT OF THE NEGATIVE
REACTION THE WEST WILL HAVE TO ANY AUTOBAHN STOPPAGES. IN LIGHT
OF THE FOREGOING AND OUR INABILITY TO PREDICT EXACTLY WHAT SOME
JUNGE UNION MEMBERS MIGHT HAVE WITH THEM IN THE WAY OF PLACARDS, ETC.

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WE LEAN TOWARD THE VIEW THAT PREEMPTIVE DEMARCHE WOULD
PROBABLY SERVE NO PURPOSE AT THIS JUNCTURE. DAVIS

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